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THE NATIONAL UNION PARTY.

PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

THE National Union Convention now assembled in the city of Philadelphia, composed of delegates from every State and Territory in the Union, assembled by the solemn summons which for the last five years it has placed the Supreme Ruler of the universe to give to the American people, profoundly grateful for the return of peace, distresses as a large majority of their countrymen in all sincerity to forget and to forgive the past, revering the Constitution as it came to us from our ancestors, regarding the Union as its restoration as more sacred than ever, looking with deep anxiety into the future as of instant and continuing trial, hereby issues and proclaims the following declaration of principles and purposes on which they have with perfect unanimity agreed:

1. We hail with gratitude to Almighty God the end of war and the return of peace to our afflicted and beloved land.

2. We do not close our eyes to the maintenance of the authority of the Constitution, with all the powers which it confers, and all the restrictions which it imposes upon the Government unbridled and untrammelled, and we will resist to the death any attempt to subvert the Constitution, or to destroy the equal rights, dignity and authority of the States perfect and unimpaired.

3. Representation in the Congress of the United States and in the Electoral College is a right recognized by the Constitution as abiding in every State and as a duty imposed upon its people, fundamental in its nature, and essential to the existence of the Nation, and no combination of States has the right to withhold its representation from the National Government, or to deny this right to any State or to withhold its representation from the Constitution from the people of any State.

4. We call upon the people of the United States to elect to Congress as members thereof none but men who admit this fundamental right of representation, and who will resist to the death any attempt to subvert the Constitution, or to destroy the equal rights, dignity and authority of the States perfect and unimpaired.

5. The Constitution of the United States and the laws made in pursuance thereof are: "The supreme law of the land, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." All the powers not conferred by the Constitution upon the General Government, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States or to the people thereof, and among the rights thus reserved to the States is the right to prescribe qualifications for the elective franchise, with which right Congress cannot interfere.

6. Such amendment to the Constitution of the United States as may be made by the States, or by Congress, or by a Convention of the States, shall be valid, and the States of the Union have an equal and an indefeasible right to a voice and a vote thereon.

7. Slavery is abolished and forever prohibited, and there is neither desire nor purpose on the part of the Southern States to re-establish slavery on the soil or within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the enfranchised slaves in all the States of the Union shall receive, in common with all their inhabitants, equal protection in every right of person and property.

8. Every right of person and property, and every right of the citizen, shall be secured by the laws of the United States, and we hold the debt of the nation to be sacred and inviolable, and we proclaim our purpose to maintain and uphold the honor and the faith of the Republic.

9. It is the duty of the National Government to recognize the rights of the Federal Government, and to maintain the Union in the most perfect and complete manner, and to protect the rights of the States, and to protect the rights of the people, and to protect the rights of the Nation, and to protect the rights of the Republic.

10. In Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, who in his great office has proved steadfast and true to the Constitution, the laws and the interests of his country, unmoved by persecution and unwavering by reproach, having faith unshakable in the people and in the prospects of the Government, we recognize the great credit upon which his life is cast, and we tender to him in the discharge of his high and responsible duties our best wishes and our assurance of our cordial and sincere support.

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